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## Sunday Services

**April 4**

*Sunday Brunch; Easter—Rev. Patty Hanneman*

**April 11**

*Non Violent Communication—Bob Gailer*

**April 18**

*"Earth Day Celebration"—Rev. Patty Hanneman*

In gratitude for the gifts of nature, we will celebrate our place in the interdependent web of all existence and reflect on the responsibilities of stewardship.

**April 25**

*Talking Circle (What are we here to do?) Bill Rasor*

**May 2**

*Sunday Brunch - May Day service—RE*



## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) MEETING

There will be a Committee of the Whole (COW) on April 11th 2010.

The proposed agenda is:

1. Change the district name or not – allow 1 hour discussion (see articles under “Spotlight” on page 4)
2. Select Thomas Jefferson district delegates
3. Select General Assembly delegates

We would like to have all members attend and would like friends to be there also for their input.

The Coordinating Council (CoCo).

## Minister's Mutterings

One of the most important things we do together as a faith community is worship together on Sunday mornings. It is a time for us to occupy holy ground together as we set aside our daily routines to talk about ultimate things, and to seek to clarify and deepen our religious convictions. It is also our most public face to the community outside our membership. People who may be interested in Unitarian Universalism will likely have their first impression of what we are about by participating in a Sunday morning service. They will pay attention to the symbols that grace our walls and altAr, the ways in which the community is invited to participate, how the order of service is designed to highlight what we feel is most important, and how comfortable they feel in our space. All these things help answer the question, "Is this a place to which I could belong?"

Good worship is remarkable for what it brings together. There is much involved! It calls for good words that are carefully chosen and fitted together, good music that touches the heart and lifts the spirit, a sense of drama with appropriate staging and sound system, and the placement of elements in the service that speak to the needs of the community. All this in 60 minutes on a Sunday morning.

Preparing for Sunday worship is a special kind of shared ministry, in which the principle players – speakers, musicians, greeters, and others helping to create sacred space – challenge and help one another to put on the richest, most diverse, most thoughtful and inspired worship we are capable of. Creating worship together is another way of confirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person. But to create effective worship together also means that your minister should spend some time helping to take the mystery out of the niches and nooks of our congregation's worship practices.

For two Saturday mornings in May (May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>) I will be leading workshops on worship theory and practice as it relates to Unitarian Universalist congregations. We will review some of the recent work by Wayne Arnason and Kathleen Rolenz from their book *Worship that Works* and discuss many of the assumptions that underlie our worship practices. We will also spend some time with practical hands-on topics such as crafting introductions and chalice lightings, blocking (where-to-move-when), and how to use the sound system. Yes, we are hoping to have new microphones by the end of May!

I have two goals for these workshops. The first is to create interest in what we do to put our best face forward on Sunday mornings. The second is that I hope some of the participants will have an interest in joining a team I will call the Worship Weavers – folks who are willing to meet with me on a quarterly basis to help plan and to participate in Sunday morning worship. Whether your interest is music, drama, poetry, or making our space more inviting on Sunday mornings, I hope we can develop a strong team of people to help with this important part of our life together. Because of all the sources from which we draw our faith tradition, we can do no better than to draw directly from the people who make up our congregation.

**Rev. Patty Hanneman is available any day (except Friday) by appointment, just phone (919-477-7174), or email [hanne001@earthlink.net](mailto:hanne001@earthlink.net).**

### HALLELUJAH

UUs can say that can't they? On February 28, 2010 at a Committee of the Whole meeting, it was decided by a unanimous consensus that Patty Hanneman should be our Settled Half-time Minister. This is something we have been looking forward to for some time. Welcome, welcome, welcome Patty.

Thanks and a lot of appreciation should go to the Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) for all their hard work. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and its Ministerial Fellowship Committee provide a plethora of hoops and hurdles for both the search committees and the candidate to negotiate. It's not a straight-up, done deal. Both Patty and the MSC had to put a lot of hard work in to see that all the details were taken care of properly. Members of the Ministerial Search Committee are: Nancy Wildermann, Lynne Millies, Dick Merritt, Joanne Dobbs, and Mary DesHarnais.

Let it be known that Patty Hanneman has signed the book and is now a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Hillsborough.

Cliff Staton, Moderator

## April 2010

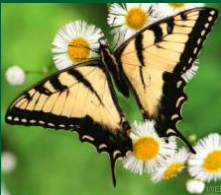
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Cancer Control Month</u>	<u>Alcohol Awareness Month</u>			1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Sunday Brunch— Easter 10:30 a.m. Easter	5 Easter Monday	6 Membership Committee, 7:30p.m. <b>We will not meet in April.</b>	7 Committee on Ministries 7 p.m. Finance Com- mittee, 7:30 p.m.	8	9 UUCH GLBT Game Night. 7:30 p.m.	10
11 Non Violent Com- munication 10:30 a.m. <b>COW</b> after coffee Building & Grounds 12 noon Program Committee 12	12	13	14 Coordinating Council 7:30 p.m.	15 Income Taxes Due	16 Arbor Day	17
18 Earth Day Celebra- tion 10:30 a.m. Religious Education Committee, 9 a.m.	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25 Talking Circle (What are we here to do?) 10:30 a.m. Green Sanctuary Com- mittee 9 a.m.	26	27	28 Community Action Com- mittee 7:30 p.m.	29	30	
				<b>OCIM Food of the Month</b> <b>Spaghetti Sauce &amp; Canned Tomatoes</b>  <b>OCIM Kid's Food of the Month</b> <b>Peanut Butter</b>		

**NOTE:**

This calendar is used for letting members and friends know what is happening at UUCH, i.e. committee meetings, COWs, and services. To rent/reserve a space at UUCH or see what space is available to be rented go to this link: <http://www.uuchnc.org/rentals.html>.



At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us. Albert Schweitzer



**In Time of Silver Rain**  
 In time of silver rain  
 The earth puts forth new life again,  
 Green grasses grow  
 And flowers lift their heads,  
 And over all the plain  
 The wonder spreads  
 Of life, Of life, Of life.  
 In time of silver rain  
 The butterflies lift silken wings  
 To catch a rainbow cry  
 And trees put forth  
 New leaves to sing  
 In joy beneath the sky.  
 When spring  
 And life  
 Are new.  
 Langston Hughes



## Spotlight

### Thomas Jefferson District (TJD) Name Change

#### Thomas Jefferson District Name

By Dick Merritt and Barbara Green

The current board of the Thomas Jefferson District has proposed that the name of the district be changed. There has been a concerted effort by some who view a name change as a politically correctness issue. Whether to change the name and if so, what to change it to, will be discussed and decided at the Annual Meeting of Congregations in Beaufort SC April 30th. Why the proposal, why at this particular time, and why it would be better not to change the name are all based in history--past, present, and future. Some historical facts:

A similar proposal was made by the district board in 1996 and was soundly defeated by the congregational delegates to the TJD annual meeting in 1997.

The UUA General Assembly of Congregations was held in Charlotte in 1993. During that meeting, the UUA Planning Committee, not the district, held a colonial ball in honor of Thomas Jefferson's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. The UUA General Assembly of Congregations will again be held in Charlotte in July, 2011.

Thomas Jefferson is the primary reason the USA has separation of church and state. Many of his contemporaries preferred we become a theocracy.

Thomas Jefferson was a slaveholder, There are no definitive records until the 1850 census but it is estimated that about one-third of the white male population and one tenth of free blacks owned slaves in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

Thomas Jefferson predicted in 1822 that "there is not a young man now living in the US who will not die a Unitarian". Jefferson requested that a Unitarian minister be dispatched to his area of Virginia.

"Missionaries from Cambridge [that is: Harvard Divinity School] would soon be greeted with more welcome, than from the tritheistical school of Andover." (Quoted from the UUA Website)

The UUA Board of Trustees passed a motion at a special board meeting February 4, 2010 pledging to examine the UUA's system of districts as part of its campaign to reform UUA governance. It is supporting a move toward regionalization and also to reducing the number of trustees on the UUA Board, meaning some districts would no longer have a trustee. Five regions have been identified and named, with the TJ district being a part of the Southland UU Region. Mid-South District, the Florida District and the Southwestern Conference would be the other districts in the Southland Region.

So why now? Is this proposal just to present a different name at the 2011 General Assembly? Do some people think the TJ District is somehow racist based upon our name? And why would we spend the money, time and energy to change the name when it appears the districts will soon be diminished in their governance role? Personally, we are very proud of the Thomas Jefferson name and proud to honor his contribution to the freedom of religion. Without him, we might all be Anglicans.....

#### Committee of the Whole meeting after the worship service on April 11

By Aimee Tattersall

We will have a Committee of the Whole meeting after the worship service on April 11th to select delegates to the Thomas Jefferson District Annual meeting being held near Beaufort, SC, April 30th-May 1st, and to General Assembly being held in Minneapolis, MN, June 23rd-27th. We have two official delegates to each event. We are a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association and these two meetings are where we come together to celebrate, conduct business and sometimes make difficult decisions. Let Aimee Tattersall know if you would like to be a delegate to one or both meetings.

The business agenda for the Thomas Jefferson District Annual Meeting being held on the weekend of April 30-May 2, 2010 includes by-laws changes concerning the name of the district (which requires 67% of congregations present) and policies related to the new governance structure of the District. Of course, there is always the matter of the budget.

For more information about the district meeting: <http://www.tjdistrict.org/>

The current president of Thomas Jefferson district, Jim Key, has a blog on the TJD website where he writes about why he favors changing the name. Scroll down a bit and you will see it on the left hand side. He starts out, "**What's In a Name:** Thomas Jefferson, a noble defender of religious freedom or amoral owner of slaves, a conundrum for Unitarian Universalists?"

Whether or not we decide as a congregation to support the proposal to change the name, you are welcome to submit other possible names. The Dogwood District" is a possible different name.

For more information about GA: <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/>. For more information, contact [Aimee Tattersall](#) or 919.563.9306.

## Committee Reports

### Building & Grounds Committee

Items for our agenda are:

- Fence at entryway
- Driveway and parking areas
- Spring workday planning
- Indoor jobs that need attention
- Outdoor jobs that need attention

Sometime between Sunday afternoon and early Monday morning someone leaving the UUCH driveway turned too sharp and ran over the fence on the left side of the driveway, recycling bins, and the mailbox.

Tim reassembled the mailbox and Pal secured it into the ground. The fence and recycling bins will need to be replaced.

Pal reported this to the Orange County Sheriff.

We have had some interest in multi-day rentals recently.

A chapter of the Orange County Democratic Party has committed to 4 rentals at the discounted rate of \$45 per meeting. JMM opened the building for them for their first rental on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Two Chicks Farm would like to rent the kitchen and the meeting room from mid April-September for 1 day per week for 22 weeks around 6 to 8 hours per day. They will be using the space for canning and will be using the stove, dishwasher and air conditioning unit in the meeting room. I would like to offer them a significant discount on the rental rates for committing to so many days. I propose offering them use of the space for \$35 per day. — Tim Woody

### Committee on Ministries

Recommend to CoCo that we plan an Installation Service for Patty.

Tasks:

- Find Long Range Plan
- Write Covenant of Behavior
- Write Disruptive Behavior Policy
- Plan Mission Process Proposal to present to CoCo
- Create script for possible Cottage Meetings

CoCo Agenda

Affirm our Proposed Charter

Present list of possible members for approval — Brydie Palmore

### Community Action Committee

Opening & Closing To support the UUCH covenant, the Community Action Committee will coordinate efforts in support of community service projects.

2010 Budget We came to consensus to donate \$1000 to Habitat and \$240 (total) to NC Green Power this year. \$1397 of donation money remains to be decided.

Display board and materials We agreed upon the six pamphlets recommended by Peg as well as some on BGLT.

- Journeys: The many paths to UU
- Our Unitarian Universalist Faith: FAQ
- Welcome to UU: A community of truth, service, holiness and love
- Can We Find a Home Here? Answering questions of interfaith couples
- UU Religious Education and Your Child
- Faith Without a Creed

Suggestions for the display board content include 7 Principles, youth info, and display variety from time to time.

Liaison Reports

**Green Sanctuary** – Actions resulting from the audit included changing light bulbs, placing cloth towels in rest rooms, and purchasing green cleaning supplies. Further activities included Eno River clean up and advocating for recycling at Last Friday events.

**BGLT** – Three people showed for the February BGLT game night. \$3 donations received. Publicity is still in process.

**Habitat** – UUCH participation will start on March 27.

**Highway Clean Up** – The dates of Mar 7, May 2, Sep 5, and Dec 5 are set for 2010 (pending weather).

**OCIM** – No report

**Prison Ministry** – Presentation at churches are being scheduled to request funds for the documentary “Against the Tide.”

**UUSC** – Guest at Your Table donations from our congregation totaled \$208.26.— Terry Schneider

## RE Committee

We discussed possibilities for Patty's involvement in RE, which included OWL for middle schoolers. Angela and Lynne agreed to recruit assistants for RE and nursery classrooms during first Sunday brunches. Barbara has made revisions to RE registration forms and we agreed to ask parents to volunteer in some way on the forms. We discussed plans for the Secret Pal breakfast and plans for kids and adults to share Secret Pal experiences. We agreed that next year we need to start publicizing (and "witnessing"?) earlier so as to get more non-parent UUCH adults involved. At our March meeting we agreed to work on adding events to a year long calendar so that we are more intentional about special events, fundraising, holiday curricula or activities, etc. When the events are set, we will post on the UUCH website and make a flier to distribute at Last Fridays and a flier/brochure of RE events for new families. We discussed fundraising for the RE children's service fund (the middle school girls raised \$55 from their Valentine's baby-sitting evening). The plans are to provide dinner for Game Night on March 26th. RE is committed to do the May 2nd service (May Day), but the Woodys' will be out of town, so Sherri will ask Bill Rasor, Dick Merritt, and/or Peg Wolfe to assist with this program.

## Community Activities

### *GLBT Game Nights*

Every month UUCH will be hosting GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender) Game Nights. These game nights are adult only and will always be on the second Friday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. Similar game nights in Raleigh and Durham usually run until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. These nights give those in the GLBT communities an opportunity for a smoke-free, drug-free, and alcohol-free social evening as an alternative to the bar scene. Board games, dominos, and other multiple participant games will predominate. Participants are encouraged to bring snacks. A dollar donation for expenses is being asked for but not required. Allies and advocates of GLBTs are also welcome. It is hoped that we can encourage those GLBT people living in the general Durham, Orange, Alamance, Chatham, Person county area to participate since there seems to be a scarcity of social opportunities other than bars.

### **Habitat Build Dates**

The Saturday dates for the Habitat Build, when the UUCH Habitat Volunteers are scheduled are:

April 10;

May 8; and

June 12.

We work in the afternoons, starting at 1 p.m. until about 4 or 5 p.m. You do not need any special skills: we can teach you all you need to know :-)) If you will help us build a house for a low-income family, please contact [Pal Palmore](#)

### **Missoula Children's Theatre Camp at Eno River UU Fellowship ~ June 14-18**

This is a unique experience for children and youth (rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) where campers are cast in a musical production under the direction of the Missoula Children's Theatre actor/directors. Rehearsals take place during the week and are interspersed with workshops and creative activities to supplement the theater experience. The camp day is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with early drop-off and late pick-up options. The grand finale is a full production of *The Tortoise vs. The Hare* on Friday, June 18, at 7 p.m. Contact Holly McKinney ([hmckinney@eruuf.org](mailto:hmckinney@eruuf.org)) or visit <http://www.eruuf.org/children-a-youth/summer-camp> for information and registration materials

### **Workshop on Equality**

9:30 a.m. check-in, Event time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 17th, 2010 (Free) at Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4907 Garrett Rd., Durham NC 27707 sponsored by Interweave at ERUUF

([Interweave@ERUUF.org](mailto:Interweave@ERUUF.org))

Marriage Equality Tomorrow, Legal Realities Today: A Workshop for Same-Gender Couples, With or Without Children.

As Washington D.C's marriage equality law takes effect, some are wondering what is happening in North Carolina.

Interweave at ERUUF, an action team for LGBTQ and allies, is hosting a free workshop on Marriage Equality including legal issues of interest and a presentation by Equality N.C.

For more information, please see <http://eruuf.org/special-events> or send questions to [Interweave@ERUUF.org](mailto:Interweave@ERUUF.org)

## Editor's Ramblings

When I was young, we didn't have many family entertainment opportunities. Many Sundays after going to Sunday school, church service and our delicious Sunday dinner (thanks to Mom), we would get in the car and go for a Sunday drive. Of course, during the long winter with snow, snow, and more snow we seldom went for a ride. Once in a while we would have a nice sunny day with the snowy roads fairly clear so we could go.

It seemed that my parents knew the right roads to take so we would go by the "Burma Shave" signs and read them out loud one sign at a time.

Do you remember those?

Other Sundays in the summer, they would take us where they knew they would find an old-fashioned ice cream shop. (I think they knew almost all the ice cream shops in southwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania.) Not one of the soft stuff but real ice cream. We'd all go in to the store and order our favorite flavor. Some of my siblings would always order chocolate or strawberry and wouldn't be adventurous and order a new/different flavor. My favorite was black raspberry but they only had that flavor when the raspberries were fresh and in season so I would have to look at all the flavors and select caramel, chocolate marshmallow or maybe one of the new flavors. We usually ate the cones in the car – I don't know how my parents could stand having 3 – 4 kids in the back seat eating dripping ice cream cones but they did. My father was always finished first and he was the driver so whether any of the rest of us were finished with our cone or not off we'd go to home. Of course, when you were driving along and you opened the window to get a little air, the ice cream would drip faster and the faster it dripped the faster you licked!

Oh those Sunday rides! My mother enjoyed them as much as us and to this day on a beautiful day I'll ask Cliff can we go for a

kids  
drive!

**WITHIN THIS VALE  
OF TOIL  
AND SIN  
YOUR HEAD GROWS BALD  
BUT NOT YOUR CHIN**  
*Burma-Shave*

**DINAH DOESN'T  
TREAT HIM RIGHT  
BUT IF  
HE'D SHAVE  
DINAH-MITE!**  
*Burma-Shave*

**AROUND  
THE CURVE  
LICKETY-SPLIT  
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL CAR  
WASN'T IT?**  
*Burma-Shave*

**BEFORE I TRIED IT  
THE KISSES  
I MISSED  
BUT AFTERWARD-BOY!  
THE MISSES I KISSED**  
*Burma-Shave*



Happy



Easter

## TJD News

### STAFFING CHANGES AT UUA

The following letter from Rev. Peter Morales, President of the UUA, was posted March 4, 2010:

My fellow Unitarian Universalists,

Three of the central goals of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) are to support growth of our movement, advocate for compassion and justice in our society, and support our religious professionals in their ministries in and beyond our congregations. As part of our ongoing efforts to focus our resources on these central goals, the UUA will make some important organizational and staffing changes. In addition, the effects of the economic recession will force some adjustments in staffing levels. These changes will take effect over the next several months and be completed by July.

First, we are creating a new staff group that will have responsibility for leading our growth into a multicultural future and advancing our work in advocacy. This new staff group, tentatively named "Multicultural Growth and Advocacy", integrates the work of two previous staff groups: Identity-Based Ministries and Advocacy and Witness. The goal is to put forward the best work the Association has been doing across the Unitarian Universalist (UU) movement to live out an inclusive, multicultural vision of congregational life, public witness, and engagement in the broader world.

A second new staff group, tentatively named "Professional Ministry," will bring together the work of Ministry & Professional Leadership (MPL) and Lifespan Faith Development (LFD) to support our congregations and religious professionals (including ordained ministers serving congregations and in community ministry, religious educators, musicians, and administrators) in a more integrated way. The goal is to foster collaboration and integration of all our ministries and among all our religious professionals.

Like our congregations and other religious movements, the UUA has not escaped the effects of this economic recession. Over the past three years, our overall budget has gone from \$26.6 million to \$22.6 million. We simply have to do our work with fewer people. We have thus been forced to make some staff cuts across the organization: a total of thirteen positions, equivalent to eight full-time positions, have been eliminated. We are doing all we can to help our employees in these difficult transitions.

While the specific details of these changes will emerge over the next several months, I am immediately excited about the possibilities for improving our service to congregations and for fostering the growth of Unitarian Universalism that these changes offer.

Word has been received subsequently about layoffs affecting 15 people. These included one department head, the Reverend **Beth Miller**, who leads the Ministry and Professional Leadership staff group, and three director-level positions, **Patricia Frevert**, publishing director, **Rob Keithan**, director of the Washington Office for Advocacy, and **Deborah Weiner**, director of the Office of Electronic Communication. In addition, we've lost two positions in the Identity-Based Ministry Group and the coordinator for the Office of Accessibility Concerns. All these areas will be reorganizing to continue to carry the work forward.

#### Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the May newsletter is April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

When you send an article for the newsletter, type it with no special formatting, i.e. special fonts, extra paragraph returns, boldface text, all caps. I'll do the formatting when I place it in

## Communications

### Bulletin

Deadline is Wednesday at 9 p.m. Please put "Bulletin" in the subject line, and e-mail as plain text to).

Terry Schneider at [UUCH@lambda76.us](mailto:UUCH@lambda76.us)

### Newsletter

Deadline is the 18th of the month. Please put "newsletter article" in the subject line, and e-mail as plain text to Nancy Staton [maxiecat@verizon.net](mailto:maxiecat@verizon.net).

### Announcements E-mail List

UUCH e-mails out announcements and upcoming events. To subscribe/unsubscribe, visit [www.uuchnc.org/mailman/listinfo/announcements](http://www.uuchnc.org/mailman/listinfo/announcements) and follow the instructions. Please ensure that your e-mail program will accept messages from the uuchnc.org address.

### UUCH Website

[www.uuchnc.org](http://www.uuchnc.org): Send info to [webmaster@uuchnc.org](mailto:webmaster@uuchnc.org).

## A Walk for Hunger

**LET'S TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK!  
ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION  
A WALK FOR HUNGER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010  
2:00 P.M.  
GOLD PARK  
415 DIMMOCKS MILL ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH, NC  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL, 732-6194 @ EXTENSION 10.  
PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE OCIM FOOD PANTRY AND MEALS ON WHEELS**

In 2009, the Samaritan Relief Ministry food pantry provided groceries for 7,777 people. Approximately ninety-seven percent (97%) of these households live below the poverty level.

The food given includes fresh milk, cheese, margarine, ground beef and chicken as well as the non-perishable items donated by congregations, schools and individuals in our community.

Many of the people OCIM assists with food are on fixed incomes.

Many are single parents.

Some are women fleeing domestic abuse.

Some have recently been laid off of their jobs.

Some have hours cut in their jobs.

Some people try desperately to find jobs, but due to lack of education and job skills, are unable to find one.

Grandparents, aunts and uncles find themselves suddenly having custody of children who have been removed from their parents' home.

Many people have illness or injury that prohibits their ability to hold a job. The process to receive disability benefits can often take a couple of years.

Some people have incomes that exceed the eligibility limit to receive food stamps, but their expenses leave very little to purchase food with.

Families who are just barely able to "make it" need help during the summer and holidays when children are out of school and eating all three meals at home.

People are eligible for Meals On Wheels if they are homebound (unable to drive), home alone during the day and unable to prepare meals themselves.

In 2009, the Meals On Wheels Ministry served 6,392 hot meals. Approximately ninety-one percent (91%) of the Meals on Wheels recipients live below the poverty level.

Many recipients have physical or cognitive disabilities, that does not allow them to safely cook meals.

Some recipients' incomes are between \$300-\$600 a month. To be able to have a nutritious meal delivered, they must be on a greatly reduced payment scale.

Data provided by the Samaritan Relief Ministry and Meals On Wheels 1/27/10

Please join your neighbors and friends in this effort to help those in our community who truly need a hand.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

**WE can ALL make a difference  
On Sunday, April 25, 2010**

**Note:**

Aimee Tattersall is the contact for UUCH. She has envelopes and forms so contact here at [Aimee](mailto:Aimee@uuchnc.org)

**"We are a welcoming community of diverse, open-minded individuals seeking personal spiritual expression, exploration, and ethical growth.  
We provide a nurturing home in which to work for trust, understanding, social justice, and universal peace."  
—Identity Statement adopted March 2005**



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